

Mission:

Proclaiming Jesus as Lord



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Our Mission:

to grow together as disciples of Jesus
to demonstrate the Kingdom of God
to proclaim Jesus as Lord

5. Jars of Clay

Read: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-12; Luke 8: 16-18

Read the passage from Corinthians in its
context, start from chapter 3 v14 to 4v18.

Paul emphasises the difference between the
old Jewish covenant that was based on
keeping Mosaic Law and the New Covenant
that is about a life lived by the Spirit.

In his letter to the Ephesians Paul tells us that
our struggle with non-believers is not one
with the physical person but with spiritual
forces (Eph. 6:12).

The Bible is full of metaphors that help us
grasp something of this unseen but
experienced spiritual world.

The first here is “the aroma of Christ.”

Think about the effect you have as a believer
bringing the ‘aroma of Christ’ into your family
or your work place. Paul states this as a fact;
so how might your life bring the grace of God
into lives of others?

The second is “a letter from Christ.”

Words on a page are dead, dry ink but God’s
word is alive. How might
you embody the living word
of God? You are a book that
others are reading!!

Paul refers (v7-11) to the shining
appearance of Moses face as he came down
Mt Sinai with the stone tablets on which
were written the Ten Commandments.

The third is we all “reflect God’s glory.”

In what ways might we as Christians reflect
God’s glory? Perhaps a look at what John
the Baptist said would be a good place to
start: John 3:30.

But then look at the difference between you
and John the Baptist: 2 Cor. 3:18.

The fourth is “treasure in jars of clay.”

What do you associate with a clay jar?
How might your life reflect that?
How might you compare the treasure with
the container?

In Luke 8 Jesus uses the analogy of a lamp
and how it is best used to give illumination
to a room. But he goes on with a caution
about how we use what is entrusted to us as
believers.

Taking these ideas how might we/you
‘proclaim’ by your very life that Jesus is
Lord?
